

## DRUGS Pt. 2: PSYCHEDELICS, HALLUCINOGENS, DEMONS, STRONGHOLDS

Last week we left off talking about how these illicit drugs tear down and destroy your health and how God can decide to destroy those that do not repent and stop this sin against Him. People who get caught up in this addiction can get sores and infections easily because their immune system is compromised and they don't take care of themselves because they are high for days and then they crash for days at a time. My brother had sores from doing drugs. He was unsanitary and not taking care of himself. When he got a nick or small cut it would become infected and he would ignore it. That's how he almost lost his hand due to drugs.

**Romans 6:16** - Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

God created us in His image, shame on us if we choose sin over Him. You become the slave of whatever and whomever you choose to obey. You can be the slave of drugs and satan or you can be the slave of obedience and Christ which leads to eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 6:12** - All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient (profitable): all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Doing drugs is not profitable and Apostle Paul reminds us here that we are not to be held in addictions to anything.

There is no profit to your life by doing drugs. It is not profitable to your health, your salvation, faith, family, finances – nothing.

The one who profits is satan. He wants to tear your life down and profit off of you at the same time.



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Those who are addicted to illicit drugs are burning up their money just like smokers are. They are smoking, popping, snorting and shooting up their money. As Christians, all that we have comes from God. We are accountable to Him about what we do with what He blesses us with. We are to be good stewards with God's provision and blessing in our lives. We will give an account for how we used what He gave us. Don't burn your money up like this. When my parents died and we received our inheritance, my brother who had the drug problem, blew all of his inheritance. He did not do anything for God's glory with any of that money although he said he was a Christian.

Smoking stumbles others (**Romans 14:13**), and like parents, Pastors, leaders can cause your children or your followers to stumble.

**1 Corinthians 8:9** - But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

We don't want our children or anyone we love and hold influence over to get caught up in these evil addictions. They watch our lives, let's not be at fault for causing them to stumble.

Doing drugs is evil and the Bible warns us to abstain from all appearance of evil. **(1 Thess.5:22)**

## **DEMONS**

I want to discuss the demon connection of those who choose to do psychedelics and drugs like them.

Demons are in play in people who do drugs. Demons are behind any kind of addiction not only drugs, but drinking, smoking, sex, pornography etc.

An addiction is a stronghold. Strongholds are satanic evil spiritual grips that hold up ones soul ie the mind (thinking), emotions (feeling) and the will (choosing) that causes or influences ones soul to act against God's will.

Addiction is dependence on a substance or habit, either physically or psychologically (alcohol, sex, gambling, pornography, masturbation, smoking, drugs etc.) which satan uses as an opening for demons to use to spiritually grip (a spiritual strong hold) on someone's soul which the devil uses to control the person to do his will and not God's will.



This is the reason it is so hard to quit these drugs. There are demons constantly chipping away at you to keep doing the drugs. They are influencing your mind, your thoughts and they have a spiritual grip, a spiritual stronghold on your life. You can't see your demons, but they are there just the same. They are the reason you can't quit until you get serious about dealing with them. Nothing changes until you are really at rock bottom and seriously done with the drugs and ready to change. And even then, even if you try to stop on your own, you will never truly be set completely free until you come to Jesus.

**2 Cor.10:4-5** - (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Jesus is The One Who breaks those spiritual strongholds that satan sets up in our lives when we fall prey to his temptations. You have to get saved and feed your soul on God's word so that when satan floats wrong thoughts or temptations your way you can recognize that they are wrong according to God's word and you can respond in righteousness and gain the victory. Like when someone says, come on let's smoke pot. You can say, that's bad for your health and my body is a temple and I want no part of that.

God wants to have that spiritual grip on your life but He won't force you, the choice to come to Him and let Him change your life is yours. He gives us free will, the ability to choose is part of what makes up our soul.



Look at what listening to the demons will do to you. Ex-addict Penny Wood-Rusterholz of Pekin avoided a prison term by agreeing to let authorities use these before-and-after photos of her to steer people away from the ravages of methamphetamine use. The 'before' image is from 1998, while the 'after' photo is from 2002. She died at the age of 55. (AP Photo/Pekin Times, Tazwell County State's Attorney) Journal Star She lived 15 years after she quit, but she still died so young.



L: BEFORE METH R: AFTER METH, LOOK AT THOSE METH SORES ON HER FACE. THERE ARE SO MANY BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES ONLINE IF YOU WANT TO SEE MORE. THESE DRUGS REALLY TEAR THE BODY DOWN.

If you are doing these type of drugs, it's not a question of whether a demon is involved or not. There are demons in your life and they are certainly influencing you to keep doing drugs. They helped to get you started and now they are hoping you don't learn the truth, hoping you don't really get saved and grow in the faith and get empowered by The Holy Spirit to overcome this addiction and kick them out.



This is what Christians should look like. Saying no to satan's temptations.

## RESEARCH FROM GOODFIGHT MINISTRIES

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Incredibly, Hofman acknowledges that the sense of becoming possessed by a demon after ingesting LSD is a common report among most researchers: ***“Both the estrangement from the environment and the estrangement from the individual body, experienced in both of the preceding experiments described by Gelpke – as well as the feeling of AN ALIEN BEING, A DEMON, SEIZING POSSESSION OF ONESELF – are features of LSD inebriation that, in spite of all the other diversity and variability of the experience, are cited in most research reports. I have already described the possession by the LSD demon as an uncanny experience in my first planned self-experiment.”***

Sadly, just like in Eden of old, satan works his magic through the forbidden gnosis (knowledge) of drugs like LSD to convert the spiritually estranged into the original lie that, ***“Thou shalt be as God.”*** Hofman demonstrates the utter futility of this delusion when he describes what has happened to people who have been convinced they are God when in fact they are not and their lives end in tragedy after believing such a delusion:

*“Like the other hallucinogens, however, LSD is dangerous in an entirely different sense. While the psychic and physical dangers of the addicting narcotics, the opiates, amphetamines, and so forth, appear only with chronic use, the possible danger of LSD exists in every single experiment. This is because severe disoriented*

*states can appear during any LSD inebriation. It is true that through careful preparation of the experiment and the experimenter such episodes can largely be avoided, but they cannot be excluded with certainty. LSD crises resemble psychotic attacks with a manic or depressive character. In the manic, hyperactive condition, THE FEELING OF OMNIPOTENCE OR INVULNERABILITY CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS CASUALTIES. Such accidents have occurred when inebriated persons confused in this way – believing themselves to be invulnerable – walked in front of a moving automobile or jumped out a window in the belief that they were able to fly.”*

In this world you are either influenced by The Holy Spirit or by evil spirits. You are listening to one or the other. There is freedom in Christ but there is misery, destruction and death in satan and his demons.

You wanna know why you haven't been able to quit these drugs?



satan is behind all of this: rock-n-roll, drinking, drugs, porn, sex and violence on tv and in movies and fortune telling, which is witchcraft. He used someone to tempt you to do these drugs and he kept on you until he got you hooked, he kept tempting you and as you continued to choose to do the drugs, then he got a grip on your soul.





The drug dealers and pushers are not just dealing drugs, they are also dealing demons. They have demons in their lives and they are helping to bring demons into other people's lives. They are being used by satan themselves. Look at this demon tempting this little child to smoke. These drugs are straight from the kingdom of darkness. You can substitute pot, meth, cocaine etc. for the cigarette shown here.



This is a good example of some of the things that go on with those who get hooked on these drugs. Marijuana, weed with roots in hell. Not recommended

for children. \*It's not recommended for anyone!\* Horror, shame, despair! It's taking a shot of misery. It brings lust, crime, sorrow, hate, shame and despair. What happens at marijuana parties and you could say at drug parties or in a druggies life? Weird orgies, wild parties, unleashed passions.

You make bad decisions. You sleep with people outside of marriage, you steal to keep up your drug habit, you are ashamed of yourself and in despair. You feel there's no way out, no way off this ride. But Jesus is The One you need and He's the One Who can set you free.

Sometimes people turn to drugs in order to forget their problems or because they can't handle their problems. When they come down from the high, the problems are still there, right where they left them. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all our worries and concerns on God because He cares for us. He's the one that can help and make a difference, not drugs which are satan's answer.

Being known by the local police as someone that does drugs and associates with others who are thieves and addicts is not what you want in your life. That was my brother. And furthermore, if your friends are doing drugs and living lives of sin, then you should keep better company. You are known by the company you keep and the Bible says that bad company corrupts good morals. **(1 Cor.15:33, Prov.13:20)** They will keep you away from Jesus. When you get saved you have to separate yourself from your old friends, they are part of your old sinful life.

When you do drugs, satan is stealing your life away right from under your nose. He is keeping you from God's best by keeping you bound in this sin. satan destroys lives through drugs. He breaks down homes and splits up families. He ruins relationships. He takes jobs and opportunities away, drains your bank account and chips away at your health until he can break it down completely. He is killing you, whether slowly or quickly through habitual illicit drug use.

**Matt.26:41** – (Jesus said) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

You have to be vigilant, watching out for satan and his temptations, praying and staying close to God so that you can avoid temptations.

## **CLOSING**

Doing drugs is a powerful way that demons enter your life. Lives are wasted and torn down through drug use. We are not to tear our bodies down by using drugs and I'm talking about illegal drugs mainly. They are the ones that cause you to hallucinate and connect you directly to demons. They are the ones you get addicted to. I know over the counter medicines and those that are prescribed are not good for us either but they are usually not the ones that bring all the demonic activity into your life. Pray and ask God to heal you and deliver you from even needing over the counter or prescription medications. That is my prayer for the body of Christ.

Next week I'm going to teach a little more on demons entering your life through drug use.

## **PRAYER**

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